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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR LUCEY'S CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER ROEL

1. ON TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 30, I ESCORTED VISITING
SENATOR PAUL SARBANES TO THE RESIDENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER
ROEL FOR WHAT I THOUGHT WOULD BE A BRIEF COURTESY CALL.
INSTEAD, WE SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH AND COVERED A RANGE OF
SUBJECTS IN A LONG AND CORDIAL CONVERSATION.

2. ROEL SPOKE FAVORABLY OF THE LOPEZ PORTILLO VISIT
TO THE SOVIET UNION AND BULGARIA. HE SAID THAT THERE HAD
NOT BEEN DISCUSSIONS DURING THE COURSE OF THE VISIT ABOUT
THE SOVIET ROLE IN AFRICA AND THAT HE DID NOT REALLY THINK
THERE WERE ANY SIGNIFICANT PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED SOVIET-
MEXICAN TRADE. HE STATED AT ONE POINT, QUOTE: WE WERE THERE
TO GET THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO SIGNED AND WE DID UNQUOTE.

3. ROEL RAISED THE MATTER OF NATURAL GAS PRICE
NEGOTIATIONS AND SAID THAT THIS WAS A CLOSED MATTER BE-
CAUSE OF MEXICO'S DECISION TO USE GAS DOMESTICALLY AND
EXPORT NUMBER TWO FUEL OIL. ALTHOUGH I DO NOT TAKE
ROEL'S STATEMENT AT FACE VALUE, HIS COMMENT REINFORCES MY
OWN BELIEF THAT WE OUGHT TO ACT AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE
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TO GET THESE NEGOTIATIONS BACK ON TRACK. LUCEY

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